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Proposed Amendment and Interview Summary
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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Dear Examiner Murdough:

In light of the interview on **16 February 2009**, please find a record of the proposed amendment and an interview summary below.

Identification of Claims and Reference Discussed

Claims for discussion: Claims 38, 46, and 47

References for discussion: Rabin and Tinney

Applicant's Arguments

Applicant pointed out to Examiner that neither Rabin or Tinney disclose, either explicitly or implicitly, a client computer which receives a current software license information which includes an authorization to access a requested feature of a software program, and does not include an authorization to access a second feature of the software program that the user is not authorized to access. In other words, Rabin and Tinney do not disclose a system which allows a client computer to receive access to a set of software features which is customized to the needs of a user.

Specifically, applicant pointed out that in embodiments of the present invention, a client computer can request for access to an additional feature of a

software program as necessary, without having to purchase a multitude of undesired features that are bundled with the requested feature. During operation, the client computer sends a request to a server computer for access to a first feature of a software program, such that the user does not yet have access to the first feature, and does not have access to a second feature of the software program. Then, the client computer can receive a current software license information which includes an authorization to access the requested feature, and does not include an authorization to access the second feature of the software program that the user is not authorized to access (see instant application, paragraphs [0028]-[0029], [0036], and [0044]-[0045]. In other words, the client computer can receive access to a set of software features which are requested by the user without receiving unnecessary access to other features which are not of interest to the user. This is an important distinction from Rabin and Tinney, because embodiments of the present invention allow a user to pay for the features that the user requests access to, without having to purchase features for which the user has no interest.

Proposed Amendment:

38.   A computer implemented client method for dynamically managing a user software license, the method comprising:

receiving an action from the user to access a <u>first</u> feature from one or more features of a software program<u>, wherein the user is not authorized to access the first feature and a second feature of the software program</u>;

responsive to receiving the action from the user, sending a request to a server <u>for an authorization</u> to access the <u>first</u> feature of the software program, the request including license verification information concerning the user;

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receiving current software license information concerning the user from the server, wherein the current software license information includes an authorization to access the first feature, and does not include an authorization to access the second feature of the software program; and

storing received current software license information concerning the user.

Outcome of Interview

Examiner suggested that Applicant amend claims 38, 46, and 47 to include operations performed by the server when the server receives from the client computer a request for an authorization to access a feature of the software program.

Respectfully submitted,

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